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ODS RELATING TO THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES AND OBESITY

the level or ratio of P- and A-type inositolphosphoglycans (IPGs) in a sample from a patient, and antagonists in the treatment of diabetes is disclosed. In particular, the present invention provides for the diagnosis of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM) with a mixture of P- and A-type mediators, and treatment of obese type II diabetes with an A-type antagonist.